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A.—Nellore was included amongst the districts 'more or less liable to famine,' but was differentiated from the Ceded districts which were considered to be the 'most insecure'.

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—"In view of the answer given to the succeeding question No. 407, may I ask the hon. the Law Member whether he will take steps to see that the interests of Nellore district will not be overlooked? I am putting this supplementary question because the answer given in the succeeding question is rather discouraging."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—"In answer to that question, I may say that the hon. Member from Nellore did me the honour of sending a memorandum on the possibility of development of the irrigation projects in the Nellore district which I have forwarded to the Irrigation Committee and they will have to consider it. I believe, judging from what I have informally learnt from the President of that Committee, that there are two alternative proposals, one of which will include Nellore in the scheme of development of irrigation projects."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—"That is the very point to which I wanted to draw the attention of the hon. the Law Member and that is why I asked him whether in view of the very discouraging answer given in the succeeding question, he would not take steps to safeguard the interests of the Nellore district."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—"It is earnestly hoped that the Irrigation Committee will not also discourage the hon. Member from Nellore."

Tungabhadra project.

* 405 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU : With reference to the answer given to question No. 379 put by me at the meeting held on the 21st August 1924, that the Tungabhadra project is being examined and revised and that it provides for about 340,000 acres of first crop and 60,000 acres of second crop in the Nellore district, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state if the revision of the project is in any way calculated to affect the provision made in the original estimate for the extension and improvement of irrigation in the Nellore district?

A.—The project as revised in 1924 was found to be financially impossible; and an alternative with a reservoir at a higher site is under consideration. Until this has been investigated further by a special staff it is impossible to say how it will compare with the original scheme so far as concerns Nellore.

Sangameswaram project.

* 406 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the progress made in the investigations and negotiations made in regard to the Sangameswaram project?

A.—The Government are still engaged in considering the question of transfer of territory in compensation for the land that will be submerged in Hyderabad.